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# **GUESS WHO'S NOT COMING TO OUR "VALENTINE'S DINNER BEHIND BARS"?**

## Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers' six "least-wanted valentines" that's who, including one with a \$50,000 reward offered for his recapture

VANCOUVER, B.C. (February 11, 2025): All six of BC's "most wanted" criminals and suspects, who remain on the lam as Valentine's Day approaches, are supposed to behind bars.

And not even an invitation for a special candlelight dinner in the lockup is likely to bring them out of hiding.

"To the police, they're BC's most wanted, but to us they're all on Crime Stoppers' annual list of "leastwanted" valentines," said Linda Annis, Executive Director of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers at a special "valentine's dinner setting for six" in a real jail cell at the Port Moody Police Station.

"Not surprisingly, not one of our least-wanted valentines is expected to take us up on our offer to surrender to police in time for a jail cell Valentine's Day dinner, so we thought we'd show them what they're missing," Annis said.



Alkhalil

MacKenzie

Mehmi

Tkatchuk

Ferland

## (See details attached about all six of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers' Least Wanted Valentines)

Fugitive Rabih Alkhalil in particular is a "repeat valentine" from last year's list. For him, Crime Stoppers has partnered with the national BOLO (Be On the Look Out) Program to provide a special reward of up to **\$50,000**. He is wanted for murder, conspiracy to commit murder, and being unlawfully at large after escaping from the North Fraser Pretrial Centre in Port Coquitlam in July 2022.

"Sure, it's all a bit tongue-in-cheek, but we do this just before Valentines' Day every year as a way to draw attention to mugshots of our six most-wanted fugitives," annis adds. "Some of them have been on our valentines list before, and all are wanted for serious crimes that range from murder and drug trafficking, to assaulting a police officer and fraud.

"Someone, somewhere knows where these people are and we're urging them to do the right thing and call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS. Your anonymity is guaranteed by the Supreme Court of Canada and you'll never be questioned by police or called to testify in court."

In 2024, Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers received more than 4,500 anonymous tips, a year over year increase of 10 per cent leading to 16 arrests, including seven arrests for gang-related offences. Tips to Crime Stoppers that lead to the arrest and charge of any wanted criminal can lead to a reward of up to \$5,000.

## **About Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers**

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers is a non-profit society and registered charity that receives anonymous tip information about criminal activity and provides it to investigators. Anonymous tips may be provided though Crime Stoppers' downloadable **"P3" app for Apple and Android phones**, calling Crime Stoppers at **1-800-222-8477**, online at <u>solvecrime.ca</u>, or by following the link on the Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers <u>Facebook page</u>.

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers accepts tips in 115 different languages and will pay a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to an arrest, a charge, recovery of stolen property, seizure of illegal drugs or guns, or denial of a fraudulent insurance claim. Find MVCS on Twitter: <u>@solvecrime</u>, Instagram: <u>metrovancouvercrimestoppers</u> and You Tube: <u>@metrovancouvercrimestoppers</u>.

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# **Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers' Six Least Wanted Valentines**



*Up to \$50,000 reward offered by Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers and BOLO Program* 

Rabih ALKHALILImage: repeat valentineWANTED FOR MURDER, CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER, ANDBEING UNLAWFULLY AT LARGE

Escaped from North Fraser Pretrial Centre July 2022 with help of two men posing as contractors.Unknown if Rabih Alkhalil is still in Canada.

Age: 37 5ft 10in 165lbs Dark Brown Eyes, Black Hair



### John Norman MACKENZIE

WANTED FOR BEING UNLAWFULLY AT LARGE (ESCAPED FROM CORRECTIONAL SERVICE OF CANADA'S MISSION INSTITUTION)

Was serving a life sentence for numerous convictions, including second degree murder and armed robbery. Last seen August  $7^{th}$ , 2018 wearing jeans and a white T-Shirt

Age 64 5ft 9in 196lbs Blue Eyes, Greying/Brown Hair



**Raj Kumar MEHMI vepeat valentine** WANTED FOR IMPORTATION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND POSSESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRAFFICKING

Age 62 6ft 200lbs



### Jeffrey TKATCHUK

WANTED FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING INVESTIGATION WITHIN A CORRECTIONAL SERVICE OF CANADA FACILITY IN THE FRASER VALLEY; FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH PAROLE CONDITIONS

Age 38 5ft 8in 181lbs Black Hair, Green Eyes



# Dominic ETHIER

WANTED FOR OBSTRUCTING A POLICE OFFICER, ASSAULTING A POLICE OFFICER AND FAILURE TO APPEAR

Age:48 6ft 183lbs Brown Hair, Blue Eyes



### Jean-Sebastien Philippe Eric FERLAND

WANTED FOR 14 CHARGES INCLUDING POSSESSION OF A PROHIBITED WEAPON, B&E, THEFT, FRAUD, IDENTITY THEFT, IMPERSONATION, POSSESSION OF A FORGED CREDIT CARD, OBSTRUCTION OF A POLICE OFFICER

Age 42 5ft 8in 161lbs Blonde/Brownish hair (possible highlights), Blue Eyes